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GIRL'S STORY OF MILLIONS.

Heartless Robbery of Credulous Friends.

An astounding story of a girl's duplicity and of her victims' credulity was told at the Winchester Assizes in a trial which concluded recently after a hearing lasting a day and a half. The girl, Florence Louise Way, was indicted with her parents, Bertie and Elizabeth Way, on thirty-six counts accusing them of obtaining £800 by false pretences from Willie and Annie Maria Wheeler.

The parents carried on a butcher's business at Bournemouth, and the girl became acquainted with the Wheelers, to whom she posed as a musical genius. Believing in her story, and told that she was kept short of money at home, they advanced her sums varying from 30s. to £400 to enter competitions, and pay fees, and to obtain shares in "an American syndicate" which was to exploit an opera which she said she had written, and for which, Mrs. Wheeler suggested the title "The American Girl".

The girl told wonderful stories of having won prizes ranging in value from £50 to £25,000, all of which she was to receive in due course, and of being entitled to £10,000,000 from the syndicate, in which she was supposed to have put the £400, together with all her prize money and copyrights.

Mr. Dan Godfrey, the conductor of the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra, was asked to deny that he had ever advised the girl or introduced her to Madame Ada Crowley or Kubelik. The girl had invented a story of this nature, adding that she had accepted an offer to go on a tour abroad with those two famous artists, and that Kubelik desired to purchase several of her compositions. She also obtained £100 to enable her to appear at Court to play before the King.

Mr. Godfrey described the girl's "compositions" as a meaningless scrawl of notes.

WANTED WITH ALL THEIR MONEY.

No credulous were the Wheelers that they not only parted with all the money they had, and all they could raise by selling jewellery etc., but borrowed considerable sums from friends, while their daughter drew all her money from the Post Office and closed her account, denied herself a holiday and clothing, and also borrowed from friends to enable her to let the girl have £150. She also gave up her situation in order to go as companion with Florence Way when she went on tour. Eventually the girl confessed that the whole thing was a fraud.

The prosecution endeavored to show that the banknotes which the girl received passed into her parents' hands, but Bertie Way was found not guilty and discharged.

Describing the case as an astonishing one, Mr. Justice Ridley sentenced the girl to 18 months' hard labour, and her mother to 12 months.

The million visitor to the Olympic Zoo and Circus passed the turnstiles recently, and was duly presented with a £10 note. He was out. Guy Bonnin, an associate of the Auctioneers' Institute.

The annual death-rate in London, which had been 18.0, 19.6, and 14.4 per 1,000 in the three weeks ended January 21, February 7, and 14, fell during the third week of February to 12.4.

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interesting the many Scottish people
these Colonies in the work of the Society.

SKULLS AND GENES.

An interesting contribution to Burns lore was made in a lecture delivered at the Royal Institution by Professor Arthur Keith. He discussed from an anthropological point of view some portraits of Shakespeare and of Burns. With reference to the latter, Professor Keith based his conclusions mainly on a cast of this skull which was taken by Dr. Black and Mr. McDiarmid, editor of the "Free Press," when the grave was opened in 1834. He declares that the features of the cranium are manifest in Roburn portrait, and that those have been seen in "young Burns." In the craniol cast, Professor Keith argues that Burns belonged to the head people who lived in the south beyond the Firth of Clyde at least 500 years before the Christian era. He is exactly of the same type as skulls belonging to the Stone Age which feature Professor Burns in the Museum.

this chambered nautilus in Arran, the difference being that the poet's is which is much in excess of the highest age brain capacity prevailing in Scotland is fuller and wider than the Neolithic ones. Whether Shakespeare, like Burns, exceeded the average of his countrymen in brain capacity or only in brain *grace*, the existing data seems to leave no room for doubt. It is, however, certain, Professor Keith maintains, that he did not belong to the "Long-Headed" type. Burns, belong to the primitive race, and are usually called the Long-Headed

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but are now recognized to have been Celtic. Shakespeare was, it appears, a descendant of the true or Round-Headed Celts who invaded Britain during the Bronze Age. Contrasting Shakespeare and Burns, Professor Keith asks the question: "Is it possible that we may explain the extraordinary difference in the working of their brains by the difference of their racial origin?"

THIS WEEK'S TRUE STORIES.

Rev. J. C. Carrick's short memoir of the Very Rev. Sir James Carpenter, a second edition of which has just

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 said that he had "a very good
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 pot with a broken snout—very g
 but shocking bad delivery"
 occasion he asked a New St
 wife": how she liked a stout
 window in St. Giles. "Deed,"
 reply. "It's wool enoush; but
 per I prefer the glass as God
 One of his other stories was
 Portshire divine who felt a drau

through the church, and, while giving his discourse, he interjected, so we find the Apostle saying—*James*

through the church, and without giving his discourse, he interjected, "So said the Apostle saying—'Ye will not do the north door and shut the south for it's gay would the day—and' so be. Two old women leave church induced in the usual of going home, and one said to the other—'"Eb, Jammy, wasn't he bound doors?"

At St. Rollen Pointe Court, there was investigated a case of so striking an example of domestic violence, that it was deemed to make the best of a bad, but

one regrets it cannot be claimed for the Scottish nation, the name of the student being Kelly. He succeeded in

one regime it cannot be claimed that the Republic's nation, the name of the dead being Kelly. His success in moving from a public house to a shopkeeper was making the other bottles marked "Fine Old Whisky." When he found his bottle only colored water, the timid girl took to the owner at the empty bottle for a yearly appearance at the Police Court.

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79, Wyndham Street.
Hongkong, Feb. 24, 1914.

TO LET.

OFFICES in King's Building.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, Jan. 13, 1914.

TO LET.

FOUR-ROOMED HOUSES in Granville Avenue and Salisbury Avenue, Kowloon, Cheap rentals.
SHOP with Godown attached, NATHAN ROAD, Kowloon.
Kowloon Marine Lot No. 48 with Wharf, WINDSOR LODGE, Kimberley Road, Kowloon, 6 rooms and Tennis court.
No. 3 MINDEN VILLAS, from 1st April next.

Apply to **HUMPHREY'S ESTATE & FINANCE Co., Ltd.**
Hongkong, March 3, 1914.

TO LET.

OFFICES, Rooms and Godowns on the Ground and Second Floors, No. 14, Des Voeux Road Central, the Premises now occupied by the FOUR CHINA MONSIEUR POIN, LUSITAN, Possession 1st May, 1914, or earlier.
State "Wild Bull" Buildings, Wanchai Road.

No. 4 Mosque Junction.
The "Neak" No. 48 Peak.
Homestead, No. 46 Peak.
Immediate possession.
Apply to **SANG LEE**,
c/o Comptroller Department,
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
Hongkong, Feb. 23, 1914.

TO LET.

ROGATE, Austin Road, Kowloon, unfurnished.
No. 68 Peak, MOUNT KELLET, (Church Mission Society Bungalow) till 30th May 1914, partly furnished, "Chop rent."
No. 6 CAMERON VILLAS, No. 59 Peak, to let furnished for one year from 1st May 1914.
No. 19th SHELLEY STREET, from 1st October 1913.
No. 5 MOUNTAIN VIEW from 1st April, 1914.
No. 12 BACONSFIELD ARCADE, Shop.
To let till 31st October, 1914, No. 64 The Peak, seven rooms and drying room, furnished, including Electric fans and Telephone.

FOR SALE.

HARTING and ROGATE, on part of Kowloon Island Lot No. 114.
Apply to **LINSTEAD & DAVIS**,
c/o The Standard Building,
Hongkong, March 17, 1914.

COMPANY REPORTS.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING Co., LIMITED.

The Company's report states—
The General Agents beg to submit to shareholders their report on the Company's business for the year 1913 with a statement of accounts to 31st December last.
The demand for the Company's Sugars has been restricted, partly owing to the troubles in the North during the first few months of the year, and partly to the large accumulation of stocks in China ports of both Japanese and Java white sugars.
The year's working resulted in a loss of \$80,060.27, and a balance of \$49,264.32 is carried to the debit of profit and loss account.
During the year your General Agents have effected the sale of our Bowington Property, and the saving on charges and interest as the result of such sale will benefit the Company.

CONVICTING COMMITTEE.

This consists of Hon. Sir C. E. Chater, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. E. Shollin, and Messrs. F. Matland, J. W. C. Bonnar and H. P. White, who offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. T. T. Smith, F.C.A., and A. R. Lowe, C.A., who offer themselves for re-election.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1914.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 1913.

To Remuneration to Consulting Committee	2,500.00
To Auditor's Fee	75.00
To Interest	38,984.49
To Loss on Working	6,825.8
By Balance brought forward from last year	\$79,795.95
Less Dividend paid 25th March, 1914	60,000.00
By Net Balance as per Balance Sheet	19,795.95
By Balance brought forward from last year	\$69,060.27
By Balance carried forward	\$69,264.32

BALANCE SHEET—31st DECEMBER, 1913.

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES.

Capital 20,000 shares at \$100 each, fully paid up	\$2,000,000.00
Equalization of Dividend Fund	50,000.00
Repairs and Renewals Accounts	33,315.09
Bowington Property Account	21.4
Deposit on Sale	215,811.41
Sundry Creditors	84,920,658.38
Assets.	
Property Account consisting of—	
Each Point Refinery, Bowington Refinery, Sugar Refinery, Hongkong Distillery as per last Account	\$1,500,280.03
Cash	549.65
Raw and Refined Sugar, etc., Stocks, at Cost	1,985,615.76
Charcoal, Coal, Stores, Launch, etc.	183,709.70
Sundry Debtors	152,534.14
Shipment less Advances	439,504.78
Balance of Profit and Loss Account, as per Statement	49,264.32
By Balance brought forward from last year	\$4,237,558.38

Hongkong, 7th March, 1914.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,

General Agents.

DAVID LANDAUER, Member of Consulting Committee.

E. SHELLEY, Member of Consulting Committee.

We have examined the accounts of the Company with the books and vouchers for the year ending 31st December, 1913. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required, and in our opinion, the above balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Company.

H. P. WHITE, F.C.A., Auditors.

A. R. LOWE, C.A., Auditors.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1914.

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

This Company's Report is as follows:—

The General Agents beg to submit to shareholders their Report on the Company's business for the year 1913 with a statement of Accounts to 31st December last.

Owing to the severe competition of Hawaiian Sugars in the local market throughout the year, it was impossible to refine at profitable prices.

The result of the year's working shows a loss of \$4,237.32, and, after allowing for interest and other charges, the balance at debit carried forward has been increased to \$69,264.32.

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DYSPEPSIA AND HOT WEATHER.

"I look upon it that he who does not mind his stomach will hardly mind anything else," wrote Dr. Johnson with characteristic brusqueness.
In these hot, moist days, every man must "mind his stomach," if he wishes his stomach to "mind him." If he does not, dyspepsia will be his lot, with its long train of disagreeable symptoms.

To avoid dyspepsia, or to overcome it if present, it is imperative to nourish the nerves as well as supply easily digestible food. For this purpose, nothing compares with **Sanatogen**, which is a highly concentrated nutritious food, chemically combined with phosphorus in the exact form in which it exists in the body. Exceedingly digestible itself, it also helps the digestion of other foods. It thus rapidly restores digestive power and nervous vigor.

A physician writes in *The Medical Press and Circular*, one of the leading British medical journals:—"Sanatogen supplies medical food to the brain cells as well as the necessary filip to the heart, stomach, liver and other organs. In consequence, the patient sleeps and his energy of mind and body is restored. He loses his depression of spirits, and the balance of his nutrition is restored for in all cases it acts as a powerful stimulant to the nervous system."

Sanatogen can be obtained of all Chemists in bottles of two sizes.

ELECTION COMMITTEE.

This consists of Messrs. J. W. C. Bonnar and H. P. White, who offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. A. R. Lowe, C.A., who offers himself for re-election.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1914.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 1913.

ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 1913.

Dr.

To Balance brought forward

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Very old liqueur Scotch Whisky.

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GREAT REDUCTIONS IN

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10, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONG KONG.

Comm. July 21, 1912.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The German gunboat *Itz* arrived at midnight on the 18th inst.

The Bandmann Opera Company opened in Singapore on the 11th inst. with *The Girl from Utah*.

A box containing clothing valued at \$14.70 was stolen yesterday from a house in Temple Street the property of a Chinese coolie.

A richha coolie collapsed and expired outside the Sincere Company's shop early this morning. The body was sent to the public mortuary.

The silk shipped by the s.s. Hongkong Maru arrived at New York on the 18th inst., at 10 p.m., five days and two hours after the steamer's arrival at San Francisco.

The Key Scouts will give a concert in St. Patrick's Club to-night, commencing at 8 o'clock, in aid of the fund for the Scouts' Hall. Admission 10 cents and two dollars.

A scaffolding, aged 54 years, has been sent to the Tung Wa Hospital suffering from injuries received through falling from a scaffolding in course of erection at No. 3, Wa Hing Lane.

Between four and five o'clock this morning some person entered No. 5, Tung Wa Lane, through the window and stole a jacket valued at \$6, six gold rings, valued at \$43 and \$574 in money.

The master of the coasting steamer *Coromant* was fined \$30 yesterday by Commander Basil Taylor R.N., marine magistrate, for having broken the rule of the road by passing a launch on the wrong side.

A boatman suffering from injuries to his head caused by falling from the mast of his boat while attempting to get on board the *Empress of Russia* died this morning at the Government Civil Hospital.

The cow boy at No. 5 cow shed at the Dairy Farm has reported to the Police that during his absence on Tuesday some person stole from his room-clothing valued at \$12 and \$10 in money. The Police have found the box and several pieces of clothing valued at \$25 on the hillside.

Before Mr. Wood yesterday Lok Lei, aged 35 years, of Shun Tak, was charged with the murder of Cheung Kwong in August of 1912 in the Victoria Harbour. Mr. Faithful defended. The charge was reduced to one of manslaughter and the case was remanded until next Wednesday.

The damage to the Pacific Mail liner *Manchuria*, which scraped over a rock during a fog at Nagasaki, has been found, on inspection at Kowloon, to be more extensive than was anticipated. The boat will probably not be able to leave until Wednesday at 1 p.m. instead of on Saturday as scheduled.

There was an extraordinary fall of snow recently in the Midway Valley, between Midland and Tsimsho. None of the flakes measured less than an inch across, and most of them were 2 in. in diameter. The fall was very remarkable for its density, which held up all motor traffic.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. J. Reid, manager of Takoo Dock, leaves for Home at the end of this month.

Capt. E. M. Connolly, A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor, left for Home to-day via Canada.

Mr. E. Dingle, Inspector of Naval Stores, has been appointed foreman of storekeepers at Chatham Dockyard.

Brother Adrian, principal of St. Joseph's College, left yesterday for Singapore in response to cable instructions. The date of his return to Hongkong is uncertain.

We learn that the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, Colonial Secretary, has been laid up with bronchitis. His many friends will hope that the fine weather we are having now will soon restore him to his usual vigorous health.

The departure of Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher for Home to-day on leave will necessitate several staff changes in government departments. Mr. M. J. Brown of the Post Office, will temporarily discharge Mr. Fletcher's duties as Chief of Councils. Mr. E. D. O. Wells will be transferred to the Treasury, and Mr. J. H. Smith will be transferred to the Post Office.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

THE ORDINARY MEETING.

The forty-fifth ordinary meeting of the China Fire Insurance Company, Ltd., was held at the company's office, Queen's Road, at noon to-day. The Hon. Mr. E. Sheldin presided and there were also present Messrs. H. A. Siebs, J. W. C. Bonnar, W. L. Paterson, E. Goetz (directors), J. A. Plummer, F. Smyth, G. C. Moran, J. M. A. Machado, K. D. Gardner, T. G. Weill, H. M. da Silva, W. S. Jackson, J. M. Alves, F. B. L. Howley, E. M. B. Conceicao, Chun Fat and Loung Yau Po.

The Chairman, before moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet, said: Before proceeding with the business of the meeting I have to express on behalf of myself and the Board, our deep regret at the death, since the issue of the report and balance sheet, of the Chairman of the company, Mr. G. F. Friesland. He had been on the Board for six years and had always taken the keenest interest in the welfare of the company. It is pleasant to be able to report that the year 1913, in spite of unusually heavy losses, turned out favourably, leaving us with a balance of \$441,408.07. Subject to your approval we propose dealing with this sum as follows:

Dividend of 87 and bonus of \$9 per share on 20,000 shares	\$200,000.00
Add to extra reserve fund	135,013.17
Balance to office staff to be placed to their credit in staff provident fund	6,389.90
	\$341,408.07

The balance at credit of working account 1913 is \$426,277.34 which while smaller than last year I think can be considered as satisfactory. The company's surveys have reported on our mortgage loans and find same satisfactory. These loans show a decrease of \$303,336.14 owing to the repayment of mortgages and the difficulty in replacing them.

During the early part of last year your Directors took advantage of the high rate of exchange ruling, to remit further sums to London and you will notice that our sterling investments have been increased by £22,981.07. First, in our particular field were unusually numerous and several configurations in Manila and Cebu fires in Shanghai served to materially swell our losses, which were the largest on record. The year in the latter place has I am sorry to say opened none too favourably.

Before closing I should like to refer to the proposed alteration in our Articles of Association, copies of which are by now in your hands. In these new articles you will notice we are taking powers to transact any form of insurance except life. This I would point out is purely defensive, for it is not our present intention to use these powers and we should probably only do so should competition drive us to it. I will now move that the Directors' report and statement of accounts for the year 1913 as presented be adopted. After this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions that may be put relating to the business before the meeting.

No question was asked.

Mr. Plummer, in seconding, said he was sure he would be voicing the sentiments of the shareholders when he expressed sincere regret at the loss of the company had sustained by the death of the late Mr. G. F. Friesland, and also appreciation of the valuable services which he had rendered to the company. He was sure all present had listened with interest to the Chairman's remarks. They had every reason to congratulate themselves and the directors that despite unprecedented losses in 1912 and 1913 the balance of the company's working account showed only a small falling off from what had been regarded as an exceptionally good year, and that after setting aside the considerable sum of \$125,000 odd to extra reserve the directors were still able to recommend the same dividend and bonus as was paid last year. The premium income account was indicative of steady progress, and despite the fact that the company had opened none too favourably in Shanghai he thought they could look forward with every confidence to the future.

The report was adopted.

The appointment of Mr. E. Goetz to the directorate was confirmed, on the motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. de Silva.

On the motion of Mr. Bowley, seconded by Mr. Machado, Messrs. Bonnar and Paterson were re-elected to the directorate.

Messrs. A. R. Lowe and C. Bernard Brown were re-appointed auditors at a remuneration of \$500 each, the motion being moved by Mr. Smyth and seconded by Mr. Vail.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants may be had to-morrow on application at the office.

The forty-fifth ordinary meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., was held to-day at the offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, and Co., Ltd.

The Hon. Mr. Landale presided, and there were present:—Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Mr. H. P. White, Mr. F. Maitland, Mr. C. S. Gubay, Mr. J. H. Haxton, Mr. A. Denison, Mr. C. Omond, Mr. J. M. Alves, Mr. J. M. E. Machado, Mr. A. H. M. Da Silva, Mr. Chan Chan Nam, and Mr. L. W. Lee, the Secretary.

The notice convening the meeting and the auditors' reports were read by the Secretary.

The Chairman said:—The working account for the year 1913 has, I am glad to say, resulted in a very satisfactory profit. The Premium income has not been maintained at quite so high a figure as that of the three preceding years, but exchange influences are to a great extent responsible for this, and it is gratifying to note that a substantial increase appears in respect of year 1913. Losses for the closed year work out at the exceptionally low ratio of 89.84 per cent of the premium and expenses at 28.16 per cent, a very satisfactory figure.

The income from interest shows a diminution, to be attributed as explained by my predecessor a year ago, to the difficulty in obtaining satisfactory investments in the Far East.

We have, during the past twelve months, as a consequence, made further purchases of gold securities, which, of course, return a smaller percentage than what we have hitherto been accustomed to. It would seem, from the present outlook, as if it were likely that we should have to invest still more of our funds in gold. It is fortunate that the necessity for doing so has arisen at a time when our various funds are increasing, and the decline in income which would otherwise be very marked, is stayed by the growth of the funds which are available for investment.

This leads me, naturally, to a consideration of the Investment and Exchange Fund Account, instituted a year ago, and which now stands at the modest figure of \$8,946.04.

Since we have adopted the policy of writing our securities up or down as the case may be, to their value on 31st December, it is clearly wise to make, out of our good years, provision, not only for the decline in the market value of the future last year of what are still, euphemistically described, as gilt-edged investments, but also for the fluctuations in their values as expressed in silver, attributable to the vagaries of exchange.

It is for these reasons that the Consulting Committee recommend the addition of \$68,111.74 to the Account designated for these contingencies, which will then stand at just over \$65,000.

To the Reserve Fund it is proposed to make an addition of \$50,000 bringing that fund up to the amount of the unallocated Capital of the Company, and with a dividend of 87 per cent on the former year, the year profit of \$324,231.74 is absorbed.

I should also like the Consulting Committee have decided, in view of the favourable result of the year, to vote bonus to staff of 10% upon their salaries, of which I trust you will approve.

Working account for the year 1913 has, I am glad to say, gone quite satisfactorily for the first 12 months, and promises a favourable final outcome. First, as you are aware, have been very frequent in the area from which a large portion of the Company's income is derived, and many of them have been serious in extent. We have been fortunate in avoiding some altogether, whilst in other cases our limits have restricted our loss to a moderate figure.

In many respects the Company's Articles of Association have, been at work upon a point of new articles designed to remove the points to which objection can be made. This draft will be ready almost immediately, and opportunity will be taken to seek for the Company fuller powers which will enable it to transact such other classes of insurance as it is found, under present conditions, are frequently applied for in connection with the arranging of fire insurance business, and as extraordinary meeting of the Company will be called shortly to obtain the necessary sanction of shareholders.

I now have pleasure in proposing that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted, and passed, and after this Resolution has been seconded it will be before the meeting for discussion, and I shall be glad to answer any questions arising out of it which shareholders may wish to put.

Mr. Denison seconded the report which was then carried unanimously.

Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Mr. H. P. White, Mr. Maitland and Mr. Gubay, the retiring members of the Consulting Committee, were re-elected on the motion of Mr. Haxton, seconded by Mr. J. M. A. Machado.

Mr. A. H. M. Da Silva proposed, and Mr. C. Omond seconded, that Messrs. Perry Smith and A. R. Lowe be re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$400 each. This carried the business.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial Hospital and Affiliated Hospitals, begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Needles & Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co.	\$100
H. Skott	100
Chorostrian Charity Fund	100
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THE ORDINARY MEETING.

The forty-fifth ordinary meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., was held to-day at the offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, and Co., Ltd.

The Hon. Mr. Landale presided, and there were present:—Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Mr. H. P. White, Mr. F. Maitland, Mr. C. S. Gubay, Mr. J. H. Haxton, Mr. A. Denison, Mr. C. Omond, Mr. J. M. Alves, Mr. J. M. E. Machado, Mr. A. H. M. Da Silva, Mr. Chan Chan Nam, and Mr. L. W. Lee, the Secretary.

The notice convening the meeting and the auditors' reports were read by the Secretary.

The Chairman said:—The working account for the year 1913 has, I am glad to say, resulted in a very satisfactory profit. The Premium income has not been maintained at quite so high a figure as that of the three preceding years, but exchange influences are to a great extent responsible for this, and it is gratifying to note that a substantial increase appears in respect of year 1913. Losses for the closed year work out at the exceptionally low ratio of 89.84 per cent of the premium and expenses at 28.16 per cent, a very satisfactory figure.

The income from interest shows a diminution, to be attributed as explained by my predecessor a year ago, to the difficulty in obtaining satisfactory investments in the Far East.

We have, during the past twelve months, as a consequence, made further purchases of gold securities, which, of course, return a smaller percentage than what we have hitherto been accustomed to. It would seem, from the present outlook, as if it were likely that we should have to invest still more of our funds in gold. It is fortunate that the necessity for doing so has arisen at a time when our various funds are increasing, and the decline in income which would otherwise be very marked, is stayed by the growth of the funds which are available for investment.

This leads me, naturally, to a consideration of the Investment and Exchange Fund Account, instituted a year ago, and which now stands at the modest figure of \$8,946.04.

Since we have adopted the policy of writing our securities up or down as the case may be, to their value on 31st December, it is clearly wise to make, out of our good years, provision, not only for the decline in the market value of the future last year of what are still, euphemistically described, as gilt-edged investments, but also for the fluctuations in their values as expressed in silver, attributable to the vagaries of exchange.

It is for these reasons that the Consulting Committee recommend the addition of \$68,111.74 to the Account designated for these contingencies, which will then stand at just over \$65,000.

To the Reserve Fund it is proposed to make an addition of \$50,000 bringing that fund up to the amount of the unallocated Capital of the Company, and with a dividend of 87 per cent on the former year, the year profit of \$324,231.74 is absorbed.

I should also like the Consulting Committee have decided, in view of the favourable result of the year, to vote bonus to staff of 10% upon their salaries, of which I trust you will approve.

Working account for the year 1913 has, I am glad to say, gone quite satisfactorily for the first 12 months, and promises a favourable final outcome. First, as you are aware, have been very frequent in the area from which a large portion of the Company's income is derived, and many of them have been serious in extent. We have been fortunate in avoiding some altogether, whilst in other cases our limits have restricted our loss to a moderate figure.

In many respects the Company's Articles of Association have, been at work upon a point of new articles designed to remove the points to which objection can be made. This draft will be ready almost immediately, and opportunity will be taken to seek for the Company fuller powers which will enable it to transact such other classes of insurance as it is found, under present conditions, are frequently applied for in connection with the arranging of fire insurance business, and as extraordinary meeting of the Company will be called shortly to obtain the necessary sanction of shareholders.

I now have pleasure in proposing that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted, and passed, and after this Resolution has been seconded it will be before the meeting for discussion, and I shall be glad to answer any questions arising out of it which shareholders may wish to put.

Mr. Denison seconded the report which was then carried unanimously.

Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Mr. H. P. White, Mr. Maitland and Mr. Gubay, the retiring members of the Consulting Committee, were re-elected on the motion of Mr. Haxton, seconded by Mr. J. M. A. Machado.

Mr. A. H. M. Da Silva proposed, and Mr. C. Omond seconded, that Messrs. Perry Smith and A. R. Lowe be re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$400 each. This carried the business.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial Hospital and Affiliated Hospitals, begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Needles & Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co.	\$100
H. Skott	100
Chorostrian Charity Fund	100
Chan Kit Shan	100
Samuel Wood Davies' Guild	50

